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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : BONN

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MUNI INFO FRAM DIR CITE BONN 4877

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☐ CALL UPHILL LIAISON

REF BONN 4871 (HN 79994)

1. NOTE "WESTDEUTSCHE ALLGEMEINE" STORY 16 JULY BY ITS BONN CORRESPONDENT WILLY ZIRNGIBL THAT GEHLEN WILL RETIRE THIS FALL AND THAT UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN DECIDED UPON.

2. STORY CLAIMS GEHLEN, IN 1962, ASKED TO BE RETIRED AS OF 30 SEPT 1963 FOR HEALTH REASONS. FURTHER THAT POLITICAL CIRCLES NOTE THIS DEVELOPMENT WITH CONCERN AS CONSIDERED UNWISE HAVE BOTH RESPONSIBLE STATE SECRETARY AND BND CHIEF REPLACED AT SAME TIME. DESPITE GEHLEN RETIREMENT NO RPT NO COMBINING OF BND, BFV, HAD EXPECTED ALTHOUGH WORK OF THREE SERVICES TO BE MORE TIGHTLY COORDINATED. ALSO NOTES FEDERAL CHANCELLORY REFUSES ALL COMMENT.

3. KUBARK ONLY: KNOW FROM ☐ THAT ZIRNGIBL HAS A GOOD CABINET SOURCE.

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